SIL. Good morrow, good cousin Shallow.

SHAL. And how doth my cousin, your bedfellow ? and your fairest daughter, and mine, my god-daughter Ellen ?

SIL. Alas, a black ouzel, cousin Shallow.

SEAL. By yea and nay, sir, I dare say, my cousin William is become a good scholar: He is at Oxford, still, is he not ?

SIL. Indeed, sir ; to my cost.

SEAL. He must then to the inns of court shortly: I was once of Clement's-inn : where, I think, they will talk of mad Shallow yet.

SIL. You were called—lusty Shallow, then, cousin.

SEAL. By the mass, I was called any thing: and I would have done any thing, indeed, and roundly too. There was I, and little John Doit of Staffordshire, and black George Bare, and Francis Pickbone, and Will Squele a Cotswold man [3]—you had

8vo. 1616, he defines *roode* thus: " In land it signifies a quarter of an acre. It is sometimes taken for the picture of our Saviour upon the cross." /* MALONE.

2 *SIL.* The oldest copy of this play was published in 1600. It must however have been acted somewhat earlier, as in Ben Jonson's Every Man out of his Humour, which was performed in 1599, is the following reference to it: " No, lady, this is a kinsman to *Justice Silence*." STEEVENS.

3 — Will Squele a Cotswold man,] The games at Cotswold were, in the time of our author, very famous. Of these I have seen accounts in several old pamphlets ; and Shallow, by distinguishing Will Squele, as a Cotswold man, meant to have him understood as one who was well versed in manly exercises, and consequently of a daring spirit, and an athletic constitution,

STEEVENS.

The games of Cotswold, I believe, did not commence till the reign of James I. I have never seen any pamphlet that mentions them as having existed in the time of Elizabeth. Randolph speaks of their *revival* in the time of Charles I.: and from Dover's

book they appear to have been revived in 16S6. But this does not prove that they were exhibited in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. They certainly were in that of King James, and were probably